

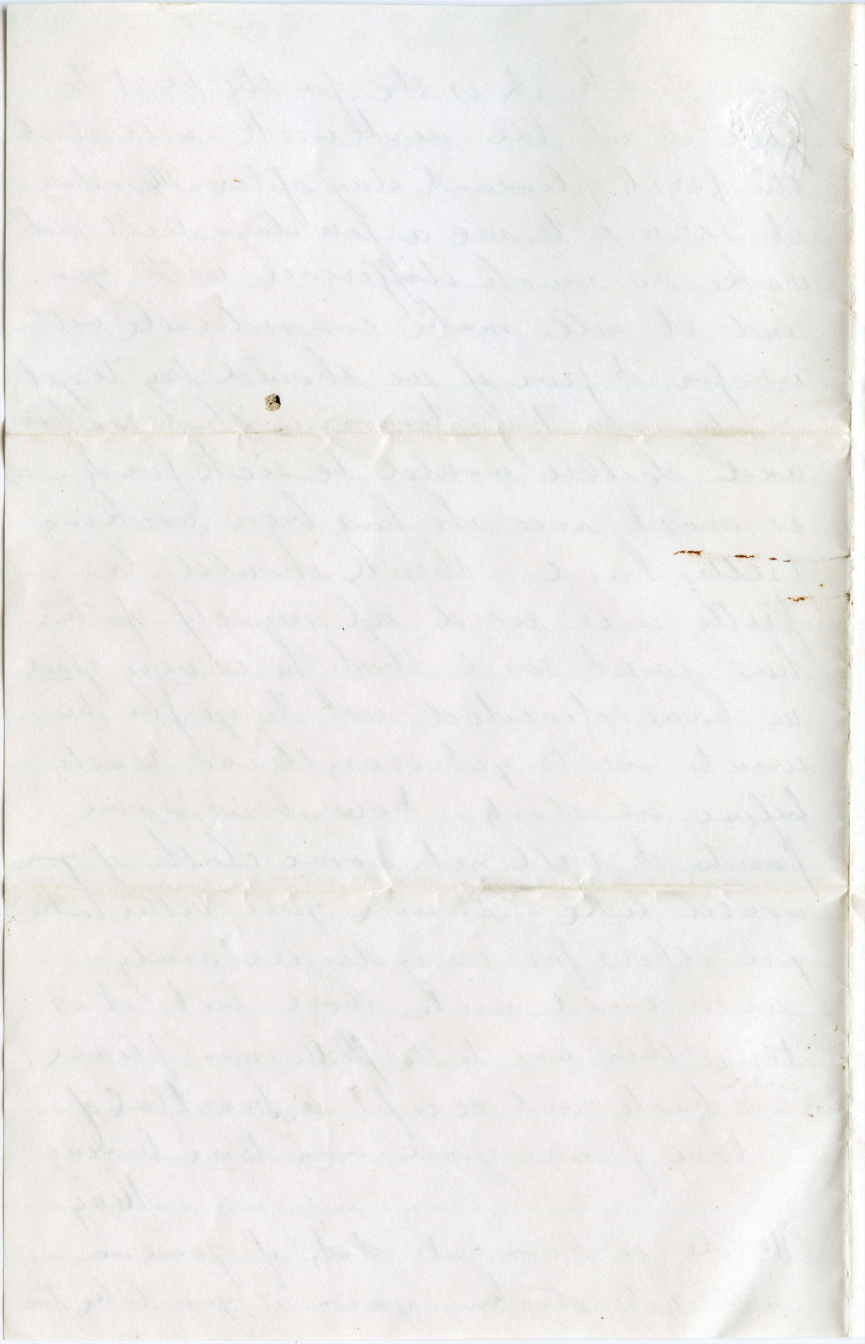
Paffrey Oct. 12th 1870 -
Wednesday Morn

My Own Dearest Leonard:

Your very
kind letter was rec'd Sat. or rather
Monday eve and read with the
greatest pleasure - I tho't then
should answer it by word of mouth
but fearing now I shall not be able to
this week I will write a few lines
so you may know how it is - It is
raining very hard now so that we
should not start today if had intend-
ed - we have had so many hinderances
that we found it impossible to bring
things round in any shape before
Thursday - but the prospect is now
that tomorrow will not be pleasant
for the storm has been threatening for

several days and last week Wednes. & Thurs.
were rainy - so I think we shall have
to give up starting till next week -
I am very sorry to have it happen so
but don't see as anyone is to blame -
for we have all been working the best
we could - but Mother is pretty well
tired out has been up late besides
watching for Mrs. Chisholm which
about tired her up - I can see that
she can't endure as much as she
used to - then her house work is
very hard having boarders and
good deal of company besides -
John was here Sunday and part of
the day Monday which put us ^{back} very
much about our washing - in the eve
your Father & Mother were over - and
yesterday uncle Brooks was here
till after three p. m. - of course we
were glad to see them all - but still
we could not get our work along as fast -
I have been trying to get my water proof
made as Mother can stitch it on her
machine much better than I could do
or get it done without cost - Now don't

you think it is the for the best to
give it up till next week - will start
the first pleasant day after Monday -
it seems to me a few days will not
make so much difference with you
and it will make considerable with
us - for I fear if we should try to get
ready now to go tomorrow that mother
and Libbie would be sick for it
is most now she has been working
pretty hard - think should be
pretty well used up myself - father
has just said that he is very glad
we have decided not to go for he
wants us to get everything ready
before we start - Now about some
pants I will get some cloth if you
would like - think you better take
you others for every day certainly -
wish could write more but it is
time this was to the P. O. now please
^{excuse} my haste and accept a heartfelt
love from your own true loving
May -
Write so I can get Sat. if you can -
will get stockings yarn if you like too -





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So. Vinceland,
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